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Annotations

1 May 2000

1. Opening of the session

The session will be opened by the Chairman of the Committee on Information.

2. Election of officers

At the beginning of the twenty-second session, the Committee will elect a Rapporteur to fill the post vacated by the elected member of the Bureau representing the Asian Group and a Vice-Chairman to fill the post vacated by the elected member of the Bureau representing the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States. The

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newly elected members of the Bureau will serve until the end of the original term, that is, the year 2000.

3. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

The provisional agenda has been adopted on the basis of consultations among the members of the Bureau.

4. Statement by the Chairman

The Chairman will address the Committee at the opening meeting.

5. Statement by the Under-Secretary-General

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information will address the Committee at the opening meeting.

6. Commemoration of World Press Freedom Day

Pursuant to General Assembly decision 48/432, 3 May has been declared World Press Freedom Day. It is the intention of the Committee to commemorate the occasion on 3 May.

1-3 May 2000

7. General debate and consideration of substantive questions[1]

(a) Promotion of the establishment of a new, more just and more effective world information and communication order intended to strengthen peace and international understanding and based on the free circulation and wider and better balanced dissemination of information

(b) Continuation of the examination of United Nations public information policies and activities, in the light of the evolution of international relations, and the need to establish the new world information and communication order

Consideration of this sub-item will include the following reports:

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the reorientation of United Nations public information activities

Report of the Secretary-General on the integration of United Nations information centres with field offices of the United Nations Development Programme: A case-by-case review

Report of the Secretary-General containing the draft guidelines for the functioning of United Nations information centres integrated with field offices of the United Nations Development Programme

Report of the Secretary-General on the allocation of resources to the United Nations information centres in 1999

Report of the Secretary-General on the development of an international radio broadcasting capacity for the United Nations

Report of the Secretary-General on the multilingual development, maintenance and enrichment of United Nations web sites

Report of the Secretary-General on the draft medium-term plan for programme 23 (Public information) for the period 2002-2005

Report of the Secretary-General on the promotional campaign in preparation for the Millennium Assembly and the Millennium Summit of the United Nations

Address by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information on the progress achieved in the work of the Department of Public Information pertaining to the agenda items under consideration

(c) Evaluation and follow-up of the efforts made and the progress achieved by the United Nations system in the field of information and communications

Consideration of this sub-item will include the following report:

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Joint United Nations Information Committee in 1999 (General Assembly resolution 46/73 B)

4-5 May 2000

8. Consideration of reports submitted by the Secretary-General

8-10 May 2000

9. Informal consultations in the open-ended working group of the Committee on Information

11-12 May 2000

10. Preparation and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session

Notes

[1] The wording of sub-items (a), (b) and (c) is based on General Assembly resolution 34/182 of 18 December 1979.